

**Amendments To The Specification**

Please replace the following paragraphs, with the corresponding following amended paragraphs:

[0131] FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating processing for managing freshly acquired news. A check of freshly acquired use is made periodically. Here it is assumed that the check is carried out every N minutes. Accordingly, first the system waits N minutes (step S501). Upon elapse of N minutes, the news-subscriber computer 102 access the news-subscriber computer 102 and downloads news information (**step S502**). The fresh-news management unit 303 manages this news information on a per-genre basis, as shown in FIG. 8.

[0132] The fresh-news management unit 303 extracts fresh news information (**step S503**) by comparing the above news information and already acquired information, which is being managed by the default-news management unit 301, based upon the headlines, by way of example. The news information enclosed by the bold border in FIG. 8 is fresh news information. In this case, only the extracted fresh news information is retained and other news information is deleted, as shown in FIG. 9.

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[0174] If it is found at step S1407 that the item of news information is the final item of news information, then the unit 1303 determines whether the genre J is the final genre by referring to the genre table shown in FIG. 24 (S1408). If the genre is not the final genre ("NO" at step S1408), then the unit 1303 advances the pointer of the genre table by one and proceeds to the next genre (**step S1413**). If the genre is the final genre ("YES" at step S1408), then processing is exited.